

# Notable Mentions

## In Memoriam

### ~2004 REPORT~

The Town of Milford Board of Selectmen would like to give it sympathies to all of its residents who lost a loved-one in 2004.

**Stu Horne** Stu Horne was a 40-year plus resident of the Town of Milford. Stu served his Town in varying capacities such as a member of the Budget Advisory Committee, Salary Study Committee, assisting at polls, School Board member for 15 years and many other various Town and School committees including the establishment of the Vocational/Technical program at Milford High School. He rarely, if ever, said no when asked for help. Through his leadership at the local Lions Club, he initiated the proposal for the skateboard Park at Keyes Field for the youth of Milford. Stu was always there, always concerned, and always ready to help. He will be sorely missed.

**Ruth W. Richardson** Ruth W. Richardson (Mrs. Clarence) passed away at the age of 89. She served the town well as Children's Librarian and Assistant Librarian at the Wadleigh Memorial Library for a span of 33 years, from 1948 to 1981. For several generations of Milford children, Ruth personified the library. She pioneered story hours and reading groups in town and was actively involved in many community groups and organizations. In 1960 she became Assistant Librarian in addition to her duties as Children's Librarian and continued in that capacity until her retirement in 1981. She is remembered fondly by many Milford residents who grew up loving books and reading thanks to her encouragement and guidance.

**Charles Sullivan** Charles F. Sullivan (1922 – 2004) Charlie Sullivan was the Electrolux Man of Milford for thirty years. Having moved to Town in 1957, he became a Charter Member of the Milford Lions Club and was always active in local politics. He served as a Selectman for six years from 1965 to 1971. His smile matched his wit. As the man with the vacuum on his van, when asked "How's it going Charlie?", his response was always, "Things are picking up!"

**George Salisbury** George Salisbury was born in Mont Vernon and lived most of his adult life in Milford. He was married for 53 years, predeceased by his wife, Phyllis, and survived by two daughters, two sons, nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. George served and fought in the 303<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Unit in World War II.

George was very active in the Mason's Benevolent Lodge #7, Milford and was a member for over 40 years. He was also active in the Order of the Eastern Star, DeMolay for boys and the Rainbow for Girls, all in Milford. George was also Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of NH and belonged to many Masonic organizations. George also worked for Lorden Lumber Company in Milford until it closed.

While George was a DeMolay Dad in the early 1970's, one of the boys, John Rougeau, was injured in a skiing accident, severing his spine. George started a John Rougeau Fund to help with medical bills and to equip a handicapped van. Over \$25,000.00 was raised in the Milford Community.

George was loved and respected by his family and many friends, and is greatly missed.

**Louie Aveni** Louie Aveni rented a space in the Town Hall for 20 years during the 60's and 70's. During the 40's and 50's he ran a fruit and vegetable business – a familiar sight in his red truck supplying produce to area households. He made the trip to Boston's Quincy Market, leaving in the early morning and returning for a full day of door-to-door selling. He also purchased produce from local farmers during the growing season.

His store was called "Louie's Variety" and featured model cars, penny candy, and records and was a favorite of kids heading home from school. He also made grinders, popular at lunchtime with town employees and many area businesses.

**Leo P. Saraceno** In a time when it's not unusual to hold many jobs over a lifetime, Leonardo Paulino Saraceno was different. From his days as a printer's devil to printing superintendent, he was a key member of the Cabinet Press staff for better than 60 years. It was a labor of love.

Leo was shop superintendent and head bookkeeper. He oversaw the printing of town reports, catalogs, tickets, genealogies, circulars, wedding invitations, school yearbooks and "cow books."

During World War II, he served the newspaper by day and the aircraft observation post by night.

A lifelong pleasure was playing cribbage with his friends. He enjoyed the support of his three daughters, and the company of his friendly white dogs.